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Agenda Item#: 11.A.2.

Ordinance Number: **O – 2009.03.11 – 7**
Ordinance Title: Durham Road parking
Chapter: Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic

The City of Dover Ordains:

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 166, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” by adding amending a location in the list of streets in 166-56 “Schedule I: No Parking at Any Time”.

2. AMENDMENT

Chapter 166 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” is hereby amended by adding and repealing language in Section 166-56, “Schedule I: No Parking at Any Time” as follows:

a. The following is added:

Durham Road

Both sides, from the intersection of Back River Road to the intersection of Mast Road

3. TAKES EFFECT

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication of notice as required by RSA 47:18.

AUTHORIZATION

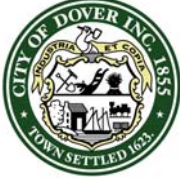
Approved as to Legal Form: Allan B. Krans, Sr.
City Attorney

Sponsored by: Councilor Karen Weston

Recorded by: Karen Lavertu
City Clerk

DOCUMENT HISTORY:

First Reading Date: 2009.03.11	Public Hearing Date: 2009.03.25
Approved Date: 2009.03.25	Effective Date: 2009.04.01



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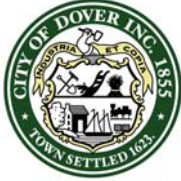
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DOCUMENT ACTIONS: Motion by Weston seconded by Trefethen passed 9/0 roll call vote

VOTING RECORD		
Date of Vote:	YEAH	NAY
Mayor Scott Myers	x	
Deputy Mayor Dean Trefethen, Ward 4	x	
Councilor Robert Carrier, Ward 1	x	
Councilor Douglas DeDe, Ward 2	x	
Councilor David Scott, Ward 3	x	
Councilor Catherine Cheney, Ward 5	x	
Councilor Richard Callaghan, Ward 6	x	
Councilor Steven McCusker, At Large	x	
Councilor Karen Weston, At Large	x	
Total Votes:	8	9
Ordinance does pass.		



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ORDINANCE BACKGROUND MATERIAL:

This ordinance revision has been recommended by the Transportation Advisory Commission.

In 2003, the Dover High School adopted a paid parking permit program to help manage student parking on school grounds. Since then, student parking has increased on neighborhood streets near the high school. A certain percentage of the student population will choose not to pay for a permit or will not be eligible for one, even though in practice it appears that school parking lots are underutilized during school hours. The school department has claimed that it cannot control the parking behaviors of its students who park off site.

Neighborhood parking by DHS students brings a number of associated public safety hazards. Residents have expressed concerns regarding littering, excessive noise, and excessive speed. There are imminent public safety concerns associated with increased student pedestrian traffic on Route 108 (Durham Road). This increases the potential for collisions when drivers stop suddenly for pedestrians walking along the road.

The City Council recently adopted parking restrictions on many of the neighborhood streets within proximity to the high school. This improved the situation in the neighborhoods, but predictably the off-campus student parking migrated to other non-posted areas. At the start of the 2008 school year, a few students began parking on Durham Road to the west of the high school and as more and more students followed suit, safety concerns increased.

To the immediate south of Alumni Drive is the Garrison City Early Childcare Center. With parked cars along Durham Road blocking the view of approaching vehicles, parents and staff of the daycare center have experienced more and more difficulty in safely entering traffic. Durham Road residents have complained about partially obstructed driveways and postal delivery interruptions due to mailboxes being blocked. Following a series of winter storms that increased the size of snow banks, the Chief of Police imposed a temporary parking restriction under authority of Chapter 166-3.

At the request of several Durham Road property owners and other Dover residents, the Transportation Advisory Commission has attempted to find a more permanent solution.

Representatives of the Planning and Engineering Departments have determined that Durham Road, which was originally constructed by the NH Department of Transportation, was not designed with the appropriate base course materials along its shoulders to accommodate long term parking. Research of the existing Durham Road ordinances in Chapter 166 shows that parking restrictions in the vicinity of the high school date back many years. Additionally there is some ambiguity in the present language, which references only utility pole numbers. The Police Department has determined that at least one of these utility poles no longer exists, which makes the proper posting of the existing ordinance impossible.

It is noted that aside from the DHS student parking, there is little demand for Durham Road parking except for the occasional large-scale event such as DHS graduation, Fireworks, or political rallies occurring at the high school. Accordingly, there should not be a need to post a large number of no parking signs. Committee members have expressed the hope that as off-campus parking options for DHS students are eliminated, more pressure will be put on the school department to make more efficient utilization of school parking lots.